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Lesson 52– November 24, 2013

**/Welcome To
BARAH MINISTRIES
a Christian Church
Rory Clark
Pastor-Teacher**

Good Morning! Welcome to Barah Ministries...a Christian Church.

God's grace to you, and God's peace be with you, all of you who are divinely beloved ones. We give thanks to God the Father always, for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers...and we are constantly calling to mind, as we go before the presence of our God and Father in prayer, your work of faith and your labor of love and your steadfastness of hope in union with our Lord Jesus Christ...and as we pray, brethren, you who are beloved by God, we ask that He make you aware of the power associated with His making you a chosen One in eternity past.

My name is Rory Clark. My spiritual gift is Pastor-Teacher...a spiritual gift given to me by God for your blessing and for your benefit...

The spiritual gift of Pastor-Teacher affords me the privilege of telling unbelievers the good news of the gospel message, concerning God the Father's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ...and about the Lord's saving work on the Cross...First Timothy, Chapter 2, Verses 3 and 4 say...

/1TI 2:3-4

This (entreaties and prayers and petitions and thanksgivings) is good and acceptable in the sight of (the) God (who is) our Savior (the Lord Jesus Christ),//who desires all men to be saved and (who desires all men) to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Acts, Chapter 16, Verse 31 says...

/ACT 16:31

"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and (everyone in) your household (who also believes)."\

The spiritual gift of Pastor-Teacher affords me the privilege of providing believers in the Lord Jesus Christ with accurate teaching of the Word of

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God so that they might use its truth to handle all the circumstances of their lives.

As believers in Christ we call to mind constantly the importance of Christ... He is the Messiah...He is the Lord...He is the One whom we gather here today to worship...and He is the One and Only Sovereign God...He is the central figure in divine history...Deuteronomy, Chapter 32, Verse 4 calls Him...

/DEU 32:4

The Rock! His work is perfect, for all His ways are just; a God of faithfulness and without injustice, righteous and upright is He.

<WHERE IS YOUR SOUL TUNED?>

This and every bible lesson gives you a chance to RENEW your mind... a chance to express your faith...a chance to come before the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Light. Bible study is a time to let God the Holy Spirit lead you into all the truths of the Word of God as He pours His enabling power into you. Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verse 23 requests...

EPH 4:23

...that you be renewed (by God) in the spirit of your mind...

Thank you for coming to listen...thanks for tuning your soul to WGod...to the exact thinking of the Lord Jesus Christ...the Word of God...and thanks for tuning out KCOS...the cosmic system of thought, which is designed to deceive you and to lead you astray.

/MUSIC AND REFLECTION

Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ
Enjoy the Singing of His Praises

Holy is the Lord\

As God prepares your soul for RENEWING, let's worship our Lord in song. The opening song is HOLY IS THE LORD.

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/HOLY IS THE LORD

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great, how awesome is He
And together we sing...\

/HOLY IS THE LORD

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory\

/HOLY IS THE LORD

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great, how awesome is He
And together we sing
Everyone sing!\

/HOLY IS THE LORD

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The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory\

/HOLY IS THE LORD

It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
Together we sing
And everyone sing!\

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/HOLY IS THE LORD

The earth is filled with His glory
Holy Holy is the Lord Almighty...Holy Holy
Holy Holy is the Lord Almighty...Holy Holy
Holy Holy is the Lord Almighty...Holy Holy\

/OPENING PRAYER

*Let us pray... *

We're grateful Heavenly Father for the privilege of studying the absolute truth...the Word of God...

Teach us how to direct our prayers to the benefit of others...

We ask this through the power of God the Holy Spirit...in Christ's name...
Amen.

/TODAY'S STUDY

Romans Chapter 1 – We Pray for Others

We continue our New Testament tour on the subject of prayer...and what is the New Testament saying...what is God's Mind saying...what is God's Word saying...what is the absolute truth saying to us about prayer? We've learned that the Lord wants to answer our prayers...in fact, He can't wait to answer our prayers...Matthew, Chapter 21, Verse 22 says...

/MAT 21:22

“And all things you ask in prayer, BELIEVING, you will receive.”

Isaiah, Chapter 30, Verse 18 says...

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/ISA 30:18

Therefore the LORD longs to be gracious to you, and therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; how blessed are all those who long for Him.

We've learned that the Lord answers our prayers because He wants to bless us...He wants us to be happy...John, Chapter 16, Verse 24 says...

/JOH 16:24

“Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full.”

We've learned that the Lord is ALWAYS listening to us, and He wants us to come to Him...Isaiah, Chapter 55, Verse 1...

/ISA 55:1

“Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters...”

Isaiah, Chapter 55, Verse 3...

/ISA 55:3

“Incline your ear and come to Me. Listen, that you may live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, according to the faithful mercies shown to David.”

We've learned that the Lord not only wants to give good gifts to His children, us believers, but also we've learned that He knows how to give good gifts to us...Matthew, Chapter 7, Verses 7 to 11 say...God welcomes your prayers...

/MAT 7:7

“(Keep on) Ask(ing) (in prayer), and it will be given to you; (keep on) seek(ing) (God), and you will find (Him); (keep on) knock(ing), and it will be opened to you.”

/MAT 7:8

“For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.”

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/MAT 7:9

“Or what man is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf (of bread), will give him a stone?”

/MAT 7:10

“Or if he (a son) asks for a fish, he (the father) will not give him a snake, will he?”

/MAT 7:11

“If (I) you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children (and you do), how much more will your (God the) Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!”

James, Chapter 1, Verses 17 and 18 say...

/JAM 1:17-18

Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from (God) the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.//In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.

Therefore we are to follow the instruction of First Thessalonians, Chapter 5, Verse 17...

/1TH 5:17

...pray without ceasing...

We are to make it a habit to pray...we are to pray without interruption. This request from God is directed to our free will...He is saying, “I suggest that you make prayer a habit...”

To believe is to have faith that our Almighty God will do what He promises to do.

We are studying Paul’s prayer for the purpose of his ministry...

/Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8 to 15

Paul’s Prayer for the Purpose of his Ministry\

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Paul knew the power of prayer and he was always invoking prayer on behalf of the saints...Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 8...

/ROM 1:8

First, I, Paul, thank God the Father in prayer through Jesus Christ's name for all you believers in Rome, because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world...throughout the entire Roman Empire.

How is your prayer life? Is your prayer life intentional? Is your prayer life regular? What is prayer?

/PRAYER

A private, intimate talk between you and God which gives you access to the same divine omnipotence that sustained the Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross...which gives you access to the same power that raised the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead...a privilege which allows you to invoke divine power for yourself and for others in circumstances that have no human solution.\

Prayer is a key component of the Zoe life, the eternal life, the resurrection life given to every believer in the Lord Jesus Christ at the moment of salvation.

When is the last time you had a talk with God? When you do have a talk with God, what do you pray for? We pray for salvation...we pray for strength...we pray for stable souls...we pray for God to help us in times of trouble...and He always responds. Psalm 127, Verse 2 says...

/PSA 127:2

It is vain for you to rise up early, to retire late, to eat the bread of painful labors; for He gives to His beloved (divinely loved ones) even in his sleep.

What do we pray for? We pray together as a church for unity...turn to Acts, Chapter 1, Verse 12...

/ACT 1:12

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet (the Mount of Olives...the Garden of Gethsemane), which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away (about a half a mile from the city).

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/ACT 1:13

When they had entered the city, they went up to the upper room where they were staying; that is, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James.

/ACT 1:14

These all with one mind (in unity) were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His (the Lord Jesus Christ's) brothers.

There are many great things for which to pray...take a five-minute break, and we'll learn more things to pray for.

/BREAK

Life Song
Casting Crowns

When I Think About Home

Welcome back!

What do we pray for? We pray after we make mistakes, that the Lord might clean up our messes...remember when Peter, as the Lord predicted, denied the Lord three times? Look at Luke, Chapter 22, Verses 31 to 34...

/LUK 22:31

“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift (all of) you (apostles) like wheat...”

/LUK 22:32

“...but I (the Lord Jesus Christ) have prayed (specifically) for you (Peter), that your faith may not fail; and (that) you, when once you have turned again (recovered from your error, that you will), strengthen your brothers (as the leader of the apostles).”

/LUK 22:33

But he (Simon Peter) said to Him, “Lord, with You I am ready to go both to prison and to death!”

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Peter was right...eventually he did go to prison and to death for the Lord...but not right away. Here he demonstrated how little we know ourselves...how powerful we think we are, when we are not.

/LUK 22:34

And He (the Lord Jesus Christ) said, “I say to you, Peter, the rooster will not crow today until you have denied three times that you know Me.”

And we know the rest of the story. <ROOSTER CROW>

Ever wonder what happened to Peter after the most devastating mistake of his life, the betrayal of the Lord Jesus Christ? Turn to Acts, Chapter 2, Verse 37...

/ACT 2:37

Now when they (the witnesses of the Spirit’s entrance into the world) heard this (truth from Peter that stabilized their souls), they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, what shall we do?”

/ACT 2:38

Peter said to them, “Repent (change your mind about the Christ), and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

/ACT 2:39

“For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself.”

Whosoever!

/ACT 2:40

And with many other words he (Peter) solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation!”

/ACT 2:41

So then, those who had received his word (the gospel message) were baptized (by God the Holy Spirit); and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

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/ACT 2:42

They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

/ACT 2:43

Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.

What do we pray for? We pray for others...turn to Acts, Chapter 12, Verse 1...

/ACT 12:1

Now about that time Herod the king laid hands on some who belonged to the church in order to mistreat them.

/ACT 12:2

And he (Herod Agrippa I) had James the brother of John put to death with a sword.

/ACT 12:3

When he (Herod) saw that it pleased the Jews (that good men were being put to death), he proceeded to arrest Peter also. Now it was during the days of Unleavened Bread (Passover).

Herod and the unregenerate Jews hated everything related to Christ.

/ACT 12:4

When he (Herod) had seized him (Peter), he put him in prison, delivering him to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out before the people.

/ACT 12:5

So Peter was kept in the prison, but prayer for him was being made fervently by the church to God.

In unity, as a church, we can raise our voices in prayer to our God.

/ACT 12:6

On the very night when Herod was about to bring him forward, Peter was

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*sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and guards in front of the door were watching over the prison (sixteen people were guarding him). *

Peter was sleeping on the night before he was to be executed because He trusted the Lord totally for his deliverance...whether a release or absent from the body and face-to-face with the Lord.

/ACT 12:7

*And behold, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared and a light shone in the cell; and he struck Peter's side and woke him up, saying, "Get up quickly." And his chains fell off his hands. *

/ACT 12:8

*And the angel said to him (Peter), "Gird yourself (get dressed) and put on your sandals." And he did so. And he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." *

/ACT 12:9

*And he (Peter) went out and continued to follow (the angel), and he did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. *

Yet this was the Church Age...the age of the Holy Spirit.

/ACT 12:10

*When they had passed the first and second guard, they came to the iron gate that leads into the city, which opened for them by itself; and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel departed from him. *

The Lord released Peter, and the supernatural happened.

/ACT 12:11

*When Peter came to himself, he said, "Now I know for sure that the Lord has sent forth His angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting." *

/ACT 12:12

And when he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John who was also called Mark (the writer of the gospel), where many were

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gathered together and were praying.

/ACT 12:13

When he knocked at the door of the gate, a servant-girl named Rhoda came to answer.

/ACT 12:14

When she recognized Peter's voice, because of her joy she did not open the gate, but ran in and announced that Peter was standing in front of the gate.

/ACT 12:15

They said to her, "You are out of your mind!" But she kept insisting that it was so. They kept saying, "It is his (personal) angel."

The believed in the Lord and they believed prayer works...they couldn't believe it would work this fast.

/ACT 12:16

But Peter continued knocking; and when they had opened the door, they saw him and were amazed.

/ACT 12:17

But motioning to them with his hand to be silent, he described to them how the Lord had led him out of the prison. And he said, "Report these things to James and the brethren." Then he left and went to another place.

/ACT 12:18

Now when day came, there was no small disturbance among the soldiers as to what could have become of Peter.

/ACT 12:19

When Herod had searched for him (Peter) and had not found him, he examined the (sixteen) guards and ordered that they be led away to execution. Then he went down from Judea to Caesarea and was spending time there.

This is a great time of the year to follow the lead of the believers in the first century church, and to pray for others, and watch the deliverance of the Lord as a result of our prayers.

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/CLOSING SONG

Pray

Sanctus Real\

CLOSING VERSES

/PRO 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding.//In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.

/DEU 31:8

The LORD is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed

/ISA 30:18

Therefore the LORD longs to be gracious to you, And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; How blessed are all those who long for Him.

/CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray...\

THANKS
INTERCESSION
PETITION

And we pray that You continue to shape the messages from this pulpit that are an accurate reflection of Your unconditional love, Your person, Your thinking, Your work, and Your essence...we ask this through the power of God the Holy Spirit, in Christ's name, Amen.

/Thanks for coming!
Thanks for watching!
Thanks for listening!

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